

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2917  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 6276

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EGEN, EINV, ECOSOC, VE  
SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 169162; STATE 168317

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED ILLICIT PAYMENTS INITIATIVE WITH  
DRS. ITURBE DE BLANCO, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF VENEZUELAN FOREIGN  
TRADE INSTITUTE (ICE). SHE RECEIVED OUR PRESENTATION AND DRAFT  
TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION (STATE 168317) WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE  
COMMENT. WE NOTE THAT DRA. DE BLANCO HAS BEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE ICE FOR LESS THAN ONE WEEK AND SEEMED TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR  
WITH THE ISSUE OF ILLICITPAYMENTS.

2. MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL IN GOV ON ILLICITY PAYMENST ISSUE IS  
FREDDY CHRISTIANS, ICE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.  
AT EMBASSY REQUEST IT WAS HE WHO PROMPTED VENEZUELAN DELEGATION  
TO SEEK MORE INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. INITIATIVE (CARACAS 5909).  
CHRISTIANS NOW IN GENEVA FOR MTN FINAL SESSIONS; HE IS NOT  
EXPECTED TO RETURN BEFORE JULY 15. IF MATTER IS URGENT, WE SUGGEST  
MEMBER OF US MTN DELEGATION IN GENEVA BE INSTRUCTED TO  
APPROACH CHRISTIANS AND GET HIS REACTION TO OUR INITIATIVE.  
OTHERWISE WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH CHRISTIANS WHEN HE RETURNS  
IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

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